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CONSPIRACY SLEUTHING: **Harold Weisberg** is a 61-year-old man of incredible tenacity. His *Whitewash*, self-published in 1966, was a devastating attack on the Warren Report — an attack that has been updated since in three more *Whitewash* books. Publishers won't touch Weisberg and he won't touch them. Not much of a prose stylist he wants no uptown editor tampering with his stuff. His newest is called *Frame-Up*, in which he builds a case that that's what happened to James Earl Ray in the King assassination. You have to order Weisberg's books from him by mail. They are chilling, provocative, heavily researched. Here they are:

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*Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report.* $5.25.

*Whitewash II: The FBI-Secret Service Coverup.* $5.25.

*Photographic Whitewash: Suppressed Kennedy Assassination Pictures.* $5.25.

*Whitewash IV: Top Secret JFK Assassination Transcript.* $6.25.

*Frame-Up: The Martin Luther King/James Earl Ray Case.* $10.50.

You want them, you order them from:

**Harold Weisberg**
**Rt. 8**
**Frederick, Md. 21701**

PLAYDAYS: *Build Your Own Playground* is a source book of ideas from the work of **Jay Beckwith,** Bay Area sculptor who turned to community-involvement playgrounds. (*Pacific Sun*; May 24-30, 1973) The paperback is from San Francisco Book Co. with text by **Jeremy Joan Hewes** and photos by **Suzanne Arms.** $7.95 in paperback, $15 in cloth.

NOSTALGIA: There's a hairy, eight-foot, 350-pound creature at large around Murphysboro, Illinois, much like the Abominable Snowman. It shows up and leaves unexplained in a collection called *Unknown America* (Quadrangle; $10) written by *New York Times* correspondent **Andrew H. Malcolm.** You can read that Unknown-to-the-*Times* America, if you want. Offbeat small towns full of great photos by **Gary Settle,** mostly in the midwest and south . . . *The Vertical World of Yosemite* is a collection of writings and photos on rockclimbing in YNP from **Wilderness Press** in studio format. It's reminiscent of the old Sierra Club exhibit series in its fine use of pictures and text, but at $16.95 it comes in a lot cheaper.

MORE CONSPIRACY: Resident expert **Richard Raznikov** reports that *The Tears of Autumn* (novel about JFK assassination as plotted by Diem and Nhu mentioned last week) is a turkey. Also a whitewash of CIA. Not so, he says, is *The Sicilian Specialist* (Random House; $7.95) by Sicilian Mafia expert **Norman Lewis** (*The Honored Society*). In this one a professional killer is put to work on high government officials by a group that smacks heavily of the Agency.

*—Don Stanley*